

Modern Fables.

By George Ade.

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Once there was a Salesman who handled dried Fruits and registered from Saint Loney. He could tell about the Big Bridge and the Union Station and had a fifteen-minute spiel touching on and appertaining to Dessicated Apples that was calculated to land the cross-roads Wannabes.

For such was his Name, had the Fatal Gift of Beauty, and he was Wise to the Fact. He hated to turn out the Light at Night and have all his Good Looks go to waste for Hours at a Stretch.

What Nature had failed to do for him he did for himself. He kept his Neck neatly shaved and put Heliotrope on his Eye-Brows and drank Florida Water to kill his Cigarette Breath before dashing into Society.

When Lawrence had polished up his Rings and Stud with a Piece of Chamomile and got into his Sack Suit with the up-and-down Stripes and put on his bobby white Hat with the black Band, you may think that he despised himself, but he did not. It was like breaking Home Ties for him to say good-bye to a Mirror.

Lawrence was not entirely to blame for being so Popular with himself. A good many of the sweetest Dining-Room Girls on the Short Line between Herodsburg and Vandavia had fought for the Privilege of bringing him his Ribs of Beef and Brown Potatoes. It is said that even a Piano-Player or a Concert Tenor may develop a case of the Sevens and three-quarters Hat when the Women get after him, and therefore it is not strange that Lawrence, merely a humble representative of the Raspberry Trust, should want to hand himself Money and work the large J into all of his Conversation.

Whenever he unpacked at a Hotel he put a Photograph of Himself out on the Dresser, so as to make the Room more cheerful.

One Day it befell that Lawrence, who was riding in a Day Coach and having a great deal of Trouble with his Cuffs, because they would not stay on the right Length. Now and then he looked out of the Window, so as to give the Ladies behind a chance at his Profile.

At one of the Stations something taller-made with more than the usual number of Eyes and the Style of a Frohman Leading Lady blew into the Car and seated herself opposite fascinating Lawrence. He immediately tossed one Arm over the Back of the Seat so that she could get a Flash at the four-ounce Ring with the three Rock-Crystals in it. Also he began to do a Series of Living Pictures, at the same time sizing her carefully. She was about the gawniest he had seen since pulling out of Sedalia and he decided that it was up to him to get acquainted.

He knew that he was taking a Chance, but an ordinary Toss had no Terrors for one accustomed to grappling with the Country Trade. So he took from his Grip a Copy of "A Widow in Name Only," by Ethel Giblitz, author of "Lingering Love," and the first thing she knew he was asking her if she wanted something to read.

Instead of trying to jump out of the Window, she received him with a glad Smile and moved over so as to make Room. At that Moment he realized that a Handsome Boy with Nerve can butt in at any time or place.

In low musical Notes, something like the Bird-Calls of the Forest, he told her about the House and the Bill of Goods he had sold in the last Town and how he attended Progressive Cinch Parties every time he got back to Saint Loney.

She listened with keen Interest and looked him right in the Eye and never once did she call for Help.

It appeared to be the strongest Ten-Strike of his glorious Career as a Depot Flirt. She wanted to know all about him, even to the Extent of sounding him on Literature and the Arts.

He told her that Dan Daly had Julia Marlowe beat at least a Block when it came to putting up a Lovely Show, and as for Books, he couldn't see Lew Wallace with a Spy-Glass but the Duchess was Warm Stuff.

His Views carried so much Weight that she began to take Notes in a little Book. She asked him how much he made in Commissions and Salary and what amount he spent on Clothes and Finery as compared with his Outlay for Seal-Food. He began to wink a little and realized that he was up against a New Game, but he could not renig after making the first Play, so she Pumped him properly.

Finally she asked him for a Photograph, which she numbered 32 and filed away in a Blue Envelope.

After which she said that would be about all and some invisible Force seemed to lift him back to the other side of the Car. As he sat there, slowly recovering, it occurred to him that he had neglected to get her Name and Address and make her promise to Correspond, which was every careless of him. He thought some of making another Try, but she was busy with a Book, other than the one he had given to her, and seemed to have forgotten that he was right there in the same Car.

Lawrence began to suspect that he had failed to Entertain her, but such was not the case.

He did not see her again, but next Month his Friends called his Attention to an Article in an Eastern Periodical, written by a Lady who had been investigating the Intellectual Awakening of the Middle West. She gave Lawrence quite a Send-Off and used his Picture, calling attention to the lack of Forehead and the Vacant Expression about the Eyes. She said he was a Type of the Middle-Class Materialist, who cared more for Personal Adornment than for Mental Culture, but as far as she had been able to discover, by turning the Specimen over, under the Microscope, there was nothing Vicious in his make-up. He was simply a Case of Atrophied Cerebrum and in-growing Nerve.

Lawrence could not get next to all the Long Words or he would have felt all cut up about it. As it was, he decided not to correspond, even after learning her Name.

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THE MODERN FABLE OF HOW THE FEARLESS FAVORITE FROM ST. LOUIS FLAGGED THE HOT-LOOKER ACROSS THE WAY.



Parting From the Mirror.



Flashing His Four-Ounce Ring.



Slowly Recovering.

Houston and Texas Central railroad, which owns a spur track 900 feet long running into the property.

There are three main buildings besides the saw mill, dry kiln, oil and varnish house, stable, chair caning house, fuel house, lumber sheds, well houses, and boiler and engine rooms. The building designated as No. 3, contains three stories and is 150x50 feet. The lower floors are used as machinery rooms, where all the wood working machines are situated, while the third floor is partitioned into two rooms, the west one 60x50 feet, and is used for a cabinet room, with steam heaters for glue pots at every bench, and steam pipes to regulate the temperature of the material to be glued; and the east one, 20x50 feet, is used for a staining room. There is also a glue room in the northwest corner of the second floor, which is filled with four-inch tongued and grooved plank, for heating glue and warming material.

The building designated as No. 2, is a three-story structure. The lower floor is used for storing furniture that has been finished; the second floor for a packing room, except a space 18x30 feet, which is used for an office and supply room. The third floor is the drying room, which is heated by a system of steam and hot water pipes, which keeps the room a uniform temperature. It is connected with the staining room on the third floor of building No. 3 by an elevated platform.

Building No. 8, has one story, and is used for storing furniture, with the exception of the 18x30 feet glue room in the northwest corner, which is connected by a door with the blacksmith shop, 16x18 feet.

Building No. 4 has two stories; the lower is used to run saws late from the dry kiln to unload in bad weather. The upper

During the May Month

your patronage, and to accomplish this result prices on Seasonable Merchandise shall be lower than ever, and big assortments still the rule.

Our endeavors shall grow greater and greater to gain

Black Silks
Black Taffeta, 20 inches wide, every yard warranted pure silk; Special.....**69c**
Black Peau de Soie, pure silk, rich luster, double faced, 1.25 grade; Special this week.....**89c**
Black Iron Frame Grenadine, fine mesh, warranted all pure silk, the 1.50 quality, for.....**98c**
Black La Tosca Drapery Net, heavy mesh, made of double thread, 45 inches wide, 1.50 quality; Special.....**1.25**
Black Embroidered Tissue, 45 inches wide, handsome designs and dotted effect, 3.00 and 3.50 quality; Special.....**2.25**

Silk Bargains
Match them if you can in quality and price.
Japanese Silk, colors navy, garnet, gray, yellow, lavender, helio, cadet brown, apple green, 480 quality; Special.....**29c**
Satin Liberty, 24 inches wide, pure silk, rose, lavender, pearl gray, warranted to wear, the 98c grade; Special.....**50c**
Creme de Chine, all silk, colors white, cream, Nile, maize, rose, pink, light blue, tan and lavender, 24 inches wide, 1.25 quality; Special.....**1.00**
Moire Velour, elegant designs, cream and white, 22 inches wide, for waists or full evening costumes; yard.....**98c**

Extra Values of Popular Wool Fabrics
Black Etamine and Canvas, pure mohair, 1.25 grade; yard.....**1.00**
Navy Blue Etamine, 45 inches wide, 1.50 quality; Special for.....**1.19**
White Canvas Etamine, 45 inches wide, warranted to wash; Special.....**98c**
Cream Stiffian, heavy weight, with rich silk luster, 45 inches wide; Special.....**1.10**

White Goods
Special Prices for Commencement Dresses for Monday.
White Wash Organdy, 60 inches wide, value per yard 50c; Monday Special, per yard.....**25c**
Wash Chiffon, value per yard 75c; Monday Special, per yard.....**50c**
India Linon, 40 inches wide.....**12 1/2c**
Persian Lawn, value per yard 30c; Monday Special, per yard.....**20c**
White Organdy, 72 inches wide, value per yard 75c; Monday Special, per yard.....**50c**
White Dress Swiss, value per yard 35c; Monday Special, per yard.....**25c**
White Linen Thread Cambric, value per yard 1.25; Monday Special, per yard.....**50c**
White P. K., value per yard 25c; Monday Special, per yard.....**15c**

Special Sale of White Waists
75c Ladies' White Lawn Waists, trimmed with tucks front and back, new collar and cuffs; price.....**39c**
1.25 Ladies' White Lawn Waists, trimmed with two rows of embroidery and sixteen fine tucks in front, tucked back, new collar and cuffs; price.....**75c**
More Elaborately Trimmed White Waists, of dainty, sheer laces; at 5.00, 4.50, 3.50, 2.50, 1.58, 1.50, 1.25 and.....**98c**

Bath Towels
White, 27 inches wide and 54 inches long, value each 50c; Monday Special, each.....**25c**
Towels, all linen; per dozen.....**1.00**
Crash, 25 yards in piece; Monday Special.....**75c**
See our All Linen Crash, per yard.....**5c**

Belts
Black Tucked Morie Belts, oxidized, gilt and black buckles, for.....**25c**
Elastic Tucked Satin and Stitched Morie Belts, straight and girde back; also Satin "Phoebe Belts," with gilt or oxidized buckle; 75c and.....**50c**
Satin and Silk Elastic "Phoebe Belts," with beautiful oxidized and gilt buckles; also Narrow Pleated Belts; prices, 1.50, 1.25 and.....**1.00**

room is used for a cabinet room for kitchen and is supplied with steam pipes and heater.

The dry kiln is of the Bailey hot air make, 18x24 feet, and has about 3000 feet of 1 1/2-inch steam pipes in it to increase its drying qualities. It is doubly cooled with one-inch tongued and grooved plank, and is doubly lined with tar paper. It is operated with a Bailey hot air and engine, just built.

Next comes the saw mill. This building contains two stories. The main engine and shafting are in the lower story, and all the machinery is in the upper story. The mill has a capacity of between 15,000 and 20,000 feet of hard wood per day, and runs especially for saw mill work, and made especially for saw mill work, and made especially for saw mill work.

American Mosquito Bars
50 inches wide, value 1.25; Monday Special, each.....**85c**
Ready Made Bars, frame attached; each, 1.75, 1.50 and.....**1.25**
American Nets, ready made, for double bed; each.....**65c**
For single bed, each.....**45c**

Wash Goods
Don't overlook one item, as they are great bargains.
20-inch Dimity, black and white only, regular 10c quality; yard.....**5c**
Batiste Lawns, all colors, the 15c kind, for.....**10c**
Lace Striped Lawns and Dimities, lovely patterns and very sheer, regular price 18c; Special.....**12 1/2c**
40-inch Irish Lawns, a bargain at 20c; Special.....**12 1/2c**
Fancy Swiss, beautiful, stylish patterns; also polka dot; 25c kind, for.....**15c**

High Grade Wash Goods
Imported Mousseline de Soie, plain and dotted effects, full line of the popular shades; yard.....**45c**
Wash Grenadine, very sheer and lace effect, with fine satin stripes, beautiful colorings; yard.....**48c**
Embroidered Swiss, 45 inches wide, only few patterns left, not two alike, formerly sold for 1.75 and 1.50 yard; your choice, yard.....**98c**
Real Pongee, yard-wide, pure silk, 1.50 quality; yard.....**98c**

Lace
Mechlin Lace, edgings and insertions to match, suitable to trim organdies, wash-chiffons and Persian lawns, 1-2 to 1-1/2 inches wide; yard, 20c, 15c, 12 1/2c, 10c and.....**7 1/2c**
Italian Valenciennes Lace Edging and Insertions, suitable to trim ladies' and children's dresses, 1-2 to 2 inches wide; yard, 35c, 25c, 20c, 15c, 12 1/2c, 10c and.....**8 1/2c**
Imitation Torchon and Everlasting Lace Insertions and Edgings, suitable to trim ladies' and children's underwear, 1 to 4 inches wide; yard, 15c, 12 1/2c, 10c, 8 1/2c, 7 1/2c and.....**5c**
Just received a full line of Point d'Paris Lace, match sets, consisting of insertions, narrow, medium and wide edges, from 1 to 5 inches wide; yard, 25c, 20c, 15c, 12 1/2c, 10c, 8 1/2c, 7 1/2c and.....**5c**

Lace Curtains
A lot of Irish Point and Battenberg Lace Curtains, one to three pairs of a pattern, at 35 per cent off from regular price.
A complete line of English Bobbinet and Swiss Curtains, at a pair, from 3.50 to.....**98c**

Special Sale of Cream Serge Skirts
6.50 Cream Serge Skirts, five-gored with flare bottom, stitched, unlined; price.....**3.25**
9.00 Cream Serge Seven-Gored Skirts, flare bottom, fancily stitched with light blue silk; price.....**4.50**
10.00 Cream Serge Skirts, five-gored with circular dounce, trimmed with rows of white satin ribbon; price.....**5.00**
15.00 Cream Serge Skirts, handsomely trimmed with cream applique, tucked circular dounce; price.....**7.50**

Linens
White Table Damask, all linen, width 72 inches, value per yard 1.00; Monday Special.....**75c**
Cream All Linen Table Damask, width 72 inches, value per yard 75c; Monday Special.....**58c**
White Table Damask, width 72 inches, value per yard 65c; Monday Special, per yard.....**48c**

hard wood forest on his place. From here he ships pecan, red elm, oak, hickory, poplar, maple, ash, and, in fact, all the hard woods indigenous to the State, to be manufactured into almost every class of furniture in general use.

Recently the entire force has been constructing kitchen safes, thousands of which have been finished ready for shipment. The factory makes bedsteads, desks, tables, chairs, wardrobes, bar room furniture, store fixtures, cabinets, and, in fact, nearly every article of furniture in general use in this country.

The factory was established in Brenham in 1894 as an implement factory, and made first a large number of platform trucks, but for some reason it did not pay as an implement factory, and work was suspended. After the suggestion, Hon. H. H. Stone, who was already one of the largest stockholders in the factory, leased it for five years, and changed its purpose of manufacturing farm implements to that of manufacturing furniture, and during this five years lease he purchased most of the sole owner, and after many difficulties that had to be overcome, he has succeeded in making it one of the paying manufacturing industries of Texas.

Millinery.

We still continue to sell all Parisian Model Hats and our own designs

At 50 Cents on the Dollar.

Such an advantageous opportunity has never before been offered you. A visit to this department will prove this assertion.

Colored Madras Underskirts
Ladies' Madras Underskirts, made with deep dounce, some trimmed with lace and tucks, in grays, black, white, pink, lavender and light blue; prices are 1.50, 1.25, 1.00 and.....**75c**

Quilts
White Marseilles, 12-4, value 4.50 each; Monday Special,.....**2.75**
White Marseilles, full size, value each 2.50; Monday Special, each.....**1.75**
Fringed Honeycomb, large size, value each 1.35; Monday Special, each.....**98c**
Colored Fringed Marseilles, in pink, blue and yellow, value each 5.50; Monday Special, each.....**3.48**
White Honeycomb, large size, value each 1.00; Monday Special,.....**89c**
White Marseilles Crib Quilts, value each 1.25; Monday Special.....**98c**

Gloves
Silk and Lisle Thread Lace Mitts, in white and black, short and elbow lengths; pair.....**50c**
1.00, 75c and.....**50c**
Ladies' 2-Clasp Taffeta and Lisle Milanese Gloves, in tan, gray, pearl, black and white, regular 50c quality; pair.....**25c**
Ladies' 2-Clasp Silk "Kaiser" Gloves, double finger tipped, in pearl, gray, black and white, regular 75c quality; pair.....**50c**
Extra Fine Quality Silk "Kaiser" Gloves, double finger tipped, in white, pearl, slate and black, with white, black or self color stitching, regular 1.00 quality; pair.....**75c**

Special Sale of Cream Serge Skirts
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9.00 Cream Serge Seven-Gored Skirts, flare bottom, fancily stitched with light blue silk; price.....**4.50**
10.00 Cream Serge Skirts, five-gored with circular dounce, trimmed with rows of white satin ribbon; price.....**5.00**
15.00 Cream Serge Skirts, handsomely trimmed with cream applique, tucked circular dounce; price.....**7.50**

Elaborately Trimmed White Underskirts
Ladies' White Underskirts, extra full umbrella dounce, elaborately trimmed with rows of lace, tucks, embroidery and medallions of lace; reduced to 10.00, 7.50, 5.98, 4.98 and.....**4.50**

New Walking Skirts
7.50 value Ladies' Homespun Skirt, made with circular flounce and fancy stitching, in grays, tan, black and blue; price.....**4.98**
10.00 value Ladies' Walking Skirt, of kersey cloth, with fancy tucked yoke effect, circular flounce trimmed with tucking, in tans and other shades; price.....**7.50**

Nothing equals Fabst Beer on a hot day. The stout and purest beer in the world. Mild and good. Theo. Keller has it—ask him to send you a case.

Seasongreen concert at Auditorium Theatre and Wednesday, May 6 and 7.

Ladies' Wash Suits at Half Price
5.00 Ladies' Chambray Suits, sailor collar, collar, belt and skirt, trimmed with braid; price.....**3.98**
12.50 and 10.00 Ladies' Suits, of linen, white and colored piques, stylishly made; price.....**5.98**
15.00 Ladies' Handsome Pique Suits, in white and colors, made with stylish jacket and flare skirt; price.....**9.98**

Big Reduction in all Our Muslin Underwear
75c Gowns, Drawers, Corset Covers, Chemises and Underskirts, trimmed with lace, tucks and embroidery; price.....**48c**
1.50 and 1.75 Gowns, Drawers, Corset Covers, Chemises and Underskirts, handsomely trimmed, made of nainsook and cambric; price.....**98c**
2.50 and 3.00 Gowns, Drawers, Corset Covers, Chemises and Underskirts, elaborately trimmed; price.....**1.19**
30c Ladies' Cambric Drawers and Chemises, neatly trimmed; price.....**25c**
50c Ladies' Gowns, surprise neck, six tucks in yoke, neck and sleeves trimmed; price.....**35c**

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Fans
Japanese Paper Fans, in white, black and colors, small and large sizes; 15c, 10c and.....**5c**
Japanese Paper Fans, medium size, in white, black and colors, spangled and lace trimming, white enameled and carved sticks; 50c, 35c, 25c and.....**20c**
Ladies' and Children's White and Black Silk and Gauze Fans, spangled and lace trimmings, beautiful carved bone and enameled sticks; 2.50, 2.00, 1.50, 1.25, 1.00, 75c, 50c, 40c and.....**25c**

Colored Wash Waists
75c and 1.00 Ladies' Colored Percale and Madras Waists, made with new collar and cuffs; price.....**39c**
1.25 and 1.50 Ladies' Madras and Percales, in light and dark colors; price.....**69c**
Waists of dainty, sheer batistes, muslin, linens, figured Swisses and linens, in all sizes, made in the latest styles; prices, 3.50, 2.98, 2.50, 1.98, 1.50 and.....**98c**

White Dresses
Children's Dainty White Dresses, of lawn, organdy and point d'esprit, trimmed with lace and ribbons, 4 to 14 years; prices are 7.50, 5.50, 3.98, 2.50, 2.00 and.....**1.50**

Children's Dresses
Children's Wash Dresses, in a variety of styles, made of Madras, gingham and piques, daintily trimmed, ages 4 to 14; prices are 5.98, 4.98, 3.50, 2.50, 1.98, 1.50, 1.00 and.....**75c**

Carpet Specials for this Week
Ingrain Carpets, 30c value; a yard, 25c and.....**20c**
Ingrain Carpets, 50c value; a yard, 45c and.....**35c**
Ingrain Carpets, 75c value, all wool; yard, 65c and.....**55c**
Brussels Carpets, pretty designs and good assortment of patterns, with or without border; a yard, 85c, 65c and.....**55c**
Axminster Carpets, pretty designs, with rich combinations of colors, in green, blue, rose and red, 1.35 value; at a yard.....**1.15**

Matings
1 lot Fancy China Matting, 6.50 value; a roll.....**5.00**
A Good China Matting, jointless and reversible; a roll, 7.00 and.....**6.00**
Large Assortment of Heavy China Matting, fancy patterns and all colors; a roll, 10.00 and.....**9.00**
Extra Heavy China Matting, fancy and white; a roll.....**11.00**
Extra Fine China Matting, the best to be had; a roll.....**13.00**

Rugs
Wool Smyrna Rugs, 18x36 inches; each.....**85c**
Wool Smyrna Rugs, 22x36 inches; each.....**98c**
Wool Smyrna Rugs, 26x54 inches; each.....**1.49**
Fur Rugs, fringed, 30x50 inches; each.....**2.19**
Axminster Rugs, 7 feet 6 inches by 10 feet 6 inches; each.....**20.00**
Axminster Rugs, 8x12 feet; each.....**25.00**

Ladies', Misses' and Children's Oxfords and Shoes
We are showing some of the very newest styles, and think that a look will satisfy the most skeptical. At 2.50 we have the new style toes and heels, in turn and welt Oxfords, in vicid kid, with matt and perforated trimmings. At 1.50 we have the nicest line of Oxfords in the city, in all heels and also spring heels.

In Misses' and Children's we are showing the Queen Strap Oxford, in ideal and vicid kid; also in red goat; at 1.50 to 2.00 for misses, and 1.00 to 1.50 for children.

Window Shades
Complete assortment of Window Shades, all styles